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by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section immediately preceding the effective date section, and by renumbering the effective date section accordingly:

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section _____. (a) As used in this section unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Higher education institution" means a public or private college, community college or university.

(2) (A) "Hazing" means any intentional or reckless act in Tennessee on or off the property of any higher education institution by one (1) student acting alone or with others which is directed against any other student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of that student, or which induces or coerces a student to endanger his or her mental or physical health or safety. "Hazing" does not include customary athletic events or similar contests or competitions, and is limited to those actions taken and situations created in connection with initiation into or affiliation with any organization.

(b) Each higher educational institution shall adopt a written policy prohibiting hazing by any student or organization operating under the sanction of

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the institution. The policy shall be distributed or made available to each student at the beginning of each school year. Time shall be set aside during orientation to specifically discuss the policy and its ramifications as a criminal offense and the institutional penalties that may be imposed by the higher education institution.